



Victor Linoff, Chair
Historic Preservation
Committee

A Message from the Committee Chair

This year has been a year of “firsts” here the City of Mesa. During this fiscal year the first comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan was adopted by the City Council—unanimously—another first. This comprehensive planning tool sets the stage for how we will handle the countless number of potential resources that will be coming of age within the next 10 years. It sets the framework for establishing community partnerships, identifying resources and proactively addressing the needs of an ever growing population living in neighborhoods that are ever increasing in age. Other firsts this year include the Mount Calvary Baptist Church, the first African American Church in Mesa being designated a local historic landmark. African American contributions to southwest history is rich and culturally significant yet very few resources are designated that illustrate that heritage. Mesa is proud to be honoring this 92 year old parish with the distinction it deserves.

Another important first includes our first post WWII neighborhood seeking local and national register designation. Fraser Fields is a unique resource that the staff is working hard to complete work on.

The first ever joint -tribe burial agreement in the City is currently being negotiated between Mesa and the five southern tribes. In addition a new department -wide Archeology Policy is being developed.

The first ever Rehabilitation Building and Fire Code in Arizona is in the process of being developed in Mesa that will help us adaptively reuse our historic buildings in such a way that their beauty and importance can be shared with the general public ensuring a long and rich life.

The first school in Mesa, the Old Lehi School, was listed to the National Register of Historic Places. The first FHA financed home (Mitten House) was saved from demolition and moved to the new Robson Historic District where its bungalow style roofline matches the homes near which it sits. Homes that are among the first FHA financed homes built as a result of the Mitten demonstration home.

Finally, the first ever purchase and rehab financing program is being developed by the Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation using the Wilbur Historic District as a pilot test case.

This year may have seen many firsts here in Mesa, but our beautiful City continues to be a leader in the preservation action, advocacy and education. A hard working staff is combined with a passionate preservation board that pledges to continue to be a City of firsts.

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CLG Inventory

New Resources added to CLG Inventory over Fiscal Year 2001-2002: 70 contributors, 2 individual properties

Total CLG Inventory:

Wilbur Historic District	54 properties 41 contributors, 2 individual
Temple Historic District	93 properties 62 contributors
West 2 nd Street H.D.	90 properties 65 contributors, 4 individual
Evergreen H.D.	197 properties 125 contributors
Robson H.D	53 properties 43 contributors

487 homes are within historic districts

336 contributors, 2 resources saved

Individual properties (some are within districts)

Alhambra Hotel
Ammo Bunkers 1007, 8
Angulo-Hostetter House
Civil Engineering Maint. Shop
Crismon Family Farmstead*
Demountable Hanger
Flagpole (WGA)
Housing Supply Warehouse
Irving School
James A. Macdonald House
Mendoza House

Mesa Women's Club
Mitten House
Old Lehi School*
Park of the Canals
Robert Scott House
Sirrline House
Spangler-Wilbur House
Strauch House/Fuller House
Water Pump Station &
Water Tower
7 Archeological Sites
*new this year